# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

	Obj. Deadline: Dec. 5, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. ET
Debtors.	(Jointly Administered)
FTX TRADING LTD., et al., 1	Case No. 22-11068 (JTD)
In re:	Chapter 11

TWENTY-THIRD MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF QUINN EMANUEL URQUHART & SULLIVAN, LLP AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS-IN-POSSESSION FOR COMPENSATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2024 THROUGH AND INCLUDING OCTOBER 8, 2024

Name of Applicant	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP
Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:	the Debtors and Debtors-in-Possession
Date of Retention:	January 20, 2023 nunc pro tunc to November 13, 2022
Period for which compensation and reimbursement is sought:	October 1, 2024 through and including October 8, 2024
Amount of Compensation sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	\$262,147.95
80% of Compensation sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	\$209,718.36
Amount of Expense Reimbursement sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	\$256.96

obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at https://cases.ra.kroll.com/FTX. The principal place of business of Debtor Emergent Fidelity Technologies Ltd is Unit 3B, Bryson's Commercial Complex, Friars Hill Road, St. John's,

Antigua and Barbuda.

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This is a(n) X monthly interim interim final application. No prior application has been filed with respect to this Fee Period.

# PRIOR MONTHLY FEE STATEMENTS FILED

Date Filed	Period Covered	Requested Fees	Requested Expenses	Approved Fees	Approved Expenses
02/07/2023	Petition Date through and including December 31, 2022	\$1,536,294.15	\$4,323.07	\$2,907,139.18	\$5,632.62
03/06/2023	January 1, 2023 through and including January 31, 2023	\$1,440,414.90	\$1,920.53		
04/07/2023	February 1, 2023 through and including February 28, 2023	\$2,781,198.90	\$2,580.91		
05/01/2023	March 1, 2023 through and including March 31, 2023	\$3,192,717.60	\$3,031.19	\$8,111,186.00	\$4,176.13
6/06/2023	April 1, 2023 through and including April 30, 2023	\$2,282,269.50	\$3,382.59		
7/03/2023	May 1, 2023 through and including May 31, 2023	\$2,441,227.95	\$1,802.88		
7/31/2023	June 1, 2023 through and including June 30, 2023	\$2,984,443.42	\$10,858.66	\$9,839,020.82	\$21,479.53
9/06/2023	July 1, 2023 through and including July 31, 2023	\$4,538,349.45	\$10,027.36		
9/29/2023	August 1, 2023 through and including August 31, 2023	\$3,462,251.40	\$1,007.71	\$10,328,893.60	\$7,465.37

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10/31/2023	September 1, 2023 through and including September 30, 2023	\$3,425,488.20	\$3,446.41		
11/29/2023	October 1, 2023 through and including October 31, 2023	\$3,581,154.00	\$4,211.31		
12/22/2023	November 1, 2023 through and including November 30, 2023	\$3,381,008.40	\$1,416.74		
01/31/2024	December 1, 2023 through and including December 31, 2023	\$2,384,282.70	\$9,126.44	\$7,425,521.65	\$11,944.07
2/29/2024	January 1, 2024 through and including January 31, 2024	\$1,785,230.55	\$2,510.14		
3/28/2024	February 1, 2024 through and including February 29, 2024	\$1,478,179.35	\$1,626.66		
4/26/2024	March 1, 2024 through and including March 31, 2024	\$1,881,348.07	\$5,378.05	\$4,547,885.47	\$15,547.57
5/31/2024	April 1, 2024 through and including April 30, 2024	\$1,248,358.05	\$8,888.27		
7/5/2024	May 1, 2024 through and including May 31, 2024	\$1,582,704.90	\$6,017.08	N/A	N/A
7/31/2024	June 1, 2024 through and including June 30, 2024	\$824,760.45	\$1,827.58	N/A	N/A

Date Filed	Period Covered	Requested Fees	Requested Expenses	<b>Approved Fees</b>	Approved Expenses
8/29/2024	July 1, 2024 through and including July 31, 2024	\$883,919.70	\$167.01	N/A	N/A
9/30/2024	August 1, 2024 through and including August 31, 2024	\$1,070,063.55	\$74.60	N/A	N/A
10/31/2024	September 1, 2024 through and including September 30, 2024	\$1,138,899.15	\$503.17	N/A	N/A

# SUMMARY OF BILLING BY PROFESSIONAL FROM OCTOBER 1, 2024 THROUGH AND INCLUDING OCTOBER 8, 2024

Timekeeper Name	Position	Year of Admission	Year of Law School Graduation	Hourly Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Sascha Rand	Partner	1998	1997	\$1,795.50	24.10	\$43,271.55
Katherine Lemire	Partner	1998	1997	\$1,795.50	11.60	\$20,827.80
Anthony Alden	Partner	2004	2003	\$1,669.50	1.70	\$2,838.15
Isaac Nesser	Partner	2003	2003	\$1,629.00	0.70	\$1,140.30
Matthew R. Scheck	Partner	2008	2007	\$1,561.50	0.70	\$1,093.05
Emily Kapur	Partner	2015	2015	\$1,480.50	7.60	\$11,251.80
Partner Total					46.40	\$80,422.65
Tyler Murray	Counsel	2001	2000	\$1,413.00	20.70	\$29,249.10
Marina E. Lev	Counsel	2013	2012	\$1,413.00	15.30	\$21,618.90
Heather K. Christenson	Counsel	2014	2013	\$1,413.00	2.50	\$3,532.50
Counsel Total					38.50	\$54,400.50
Alex Nelder	Associate	2012	2011	\$1,453.50	17.90	\$26,017.65
Jaclyn Palmerson	Associate	2016	2016	\$1,363.50	9.60	\$13,089.60
Anil Makhijani	Associate	2013	2012	\$1,363.50	4.50	\$6,135.75
Isaac Saidel-Goley	Associate	2017	2017	\$1,359.00	0.70	\$951.30
Abbey Foote	Associate	2018	2018	\$1,318.50	3.60	\$4,746.60
Sophie Hill	Associate	2021	2020	\$1,255.50	28.60	\$35,907.30
Brenna Ledvora	Associate	2021	2021	\$1,174.50	12.90	\$15,151.05
Jonathan Abrams	Associate	2023	2022	\$1,075.50	10.40	\$11,185.20
Ben Carroll	Associate	2023	2022	\$1,075.50	12.40	\$13,336.20
Michael Wittmann	Associate	2023	2022	\$1,075.50	0.20	\$215.10
Associate, Law Clerk, & Attorney Total					100.80	\$126,735.75
Lawyers Total					185.70	\$261,558.90

Timekeeper Name	Position	Year of Admission	Year of Law School Graduation	Hourly Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Connie Kim	Paralegal	-	-	\$535.50	1.10	\$589.05
Non-Legal Professional Total			1.10	\$589.05		
GRAND TOTAL			186.80	\$262,147.95		

**Blended Hourly Rate: \$1,403.36** 

## STATEMENT OF FEES BY PROJECT CATEGORY<sup>2</sup> OCTOBER 1, 2024 THROUGH AND INCLUDING OCTOBER 8, 2024

Project Name	Hours	Fee Amount
ASSET ANALYSIS AND RECOVERY	0.80	\$1,058.40
AVOIDANCE ACTION ANALYSIS	38.00	\$51,655.50
BANKRUPTCY LITIGATION	87.80	\$127,349.55
BOARD / CORPORATE GOVERNANCE	14.00	\$19,237.05
CASE ADMINISTRATION	1.10	\$589.05
EMPLOYMENT AND FEE APPLICATIONS	6.80	\$9,271.80
PLAN AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	7.20	\$12,495.60
INVESTIGATION	30.30	\$39,522.60
EMBED/ROCKET LITIGATION	0.80	\$968.40
TOTAL	186.80	\$262,147.95

## **SUMMARY OF ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES**

Disbursement Summary				
<b>Expense Category</b>	Service Provider, <sup>3</sup> if Applicable	Amount		
Lexis Courtlink	Lexis	\$4.71		
Document Reproduction (\$.10/page)		\$236.50		
Color Document Reproduction (\$.25/page)		\$15.75		
TOTAL \$256.96				

The subject matter of certain time entries may be appropriate for more than one project category. In such instances, time entries generally have been included in the most appropriate category. Time entries do not appear in more than one category.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP may use one or more service providers. The service providers identified herein are the primary service providers for the categories described.

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Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP ("Quinn Emanuel"), special counsel to FTX Trading Ltd. and its affiliated debtors and debtors-in-possession in the above-captioned cases (collectively, the "Debtors"), hereby submits this monthly fee statement (this "Monthly Fee Statement") for compensation for professional services rendered and expenses incurred for the period from October 1, 2024 through and including October 8, 2024 (the "Fee Period"). In support of the Monthly Fee Statement, Quinn Emanuel respectfully states as follows:

## **Background**

1. On November 11 and November 14, 2022,<sup>2</sup> the Debtors filed with the United States

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November 11, 2022 is the petition date for all Debtors, except for Debtor West Realm Shires Inc.

Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") voluntary petitions for relief under title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 et seq. (as amended or modified, the "Bankruptcy Code"). The Debtors continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. Joint administration of the Debtors' cases (the "Chapter 11 Cases") was authorized by the Court by entry of an order on November 22, 2022 [D.I. 128]. On December 15, 2022, the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware (the "U.S. Trustee") appointed an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code [D.I. 231].

- 2. On January 9, 2023, the Court entered the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* [D.I. 435] (the "Interim Compensation Order").
- 3. On January 20, 2023, the Court entered the *Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP as Special Counsel for the Debtors and Debtors in Possession*, Nunc Pro Tunc *to November 13, 2022*, [D.I. 548] authorizing the retention and employment of Quinn Emanuel as the Debtors' special counsel, *nunc pro tunc* to November 13, 2022.
- 4. On March 8, 2023, the Court entered the *Order (I) Appointing Fee Examiner and (II) Establishing Procedures for Consideration of Requested Fee Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses* [D.I. 834] appointing Katherine Stadler (the "Fee Examiner") to serve as the fee examiner in these Chapter 11 Cases and establishing certain procedures in connection therewith.

#### **Relief Requested**

5. By this Monthly Fee Statement and in accordance with the Interim Compensation

Order, Quinn Emanuel makes this application for (i) allowance of compensation as an administrative expense of the Debtors' estates in the amount of \$262,147.95 for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered, (ii) payment of compensation in the amount of 80% thereof (in the amount of \$209,718.36), and (iii) payment of \$256.96 for actual and necessary expenses incurred.

#### a. Compensation Requested

- 6. The services performed by Quinn Emanuel during the Fee Period included, among others, asset analysis and recovery, avoidance action analysis, bankruptcy litigation, board of directors and corporate governance, investigations, and general case administration. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a detailed itemization, by project category, of all services performed by Quinn Emanuel with respect to the Chapter 11 Cases during the Fee Period. This detailed itemization complies with Local Rule 2016-2 in that each time entry (i) contains a separate time allotment, (ii) contains a description of the type of activity and the subject matter of the activity, (iii) is billed in increments of one-tenth (1/10) of an hour, (iv) is presented chronologically in categories, and (v) individually identifies all meetings or hearings.
- 7. The timekeepers who rendered services related to each category are identified in **Exhibit A**, along with the number of hours for each individual and the total compensation sought by each category. All services for which Quinn Emanuel requests compensation were performed for, or on behalf of, the Debtors.

#### b. Expense Reimbursement

8. Quinn Emanuel incurred out-of-pocket expenses during the Fee Period in the amount of \$256.96. Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** is a description of the expenses actually incurred by Quinn Emanuel in the performance of services rendered as Special Counsel to the Debtors. The

expenses are broken down into categories of charges, which may include, among other things, the following charges: photocopying, printing, outgoing facsimiles, document retrieval, postage, third-party conference calls, messenger service, transcripts, computerized legal research, filing fees, working meals, secretarial overtime, and other expenses.

9. In accordance with section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, Quinn Emanuel seeks reimbursement only for the actual cost of such expenses to Quinn Emanuel. Quinn Emanuel submits that all such expenses incurred were customary, necessary, and related to the Chapter 11 Cases and, by this Monthly Fee Statement, requests reimbursement of the same.

#### **Valuation of Services**

- 10. Professionals of Quinn Emanuel have expended a total of 186.8 hours in connection with this matter during the Fee Period.
- 11. The amount of time spent by each of the professionals providing services to the Debtors for the Fee Period is set forth in **Exhibit A**. The rates are Quinn Emanuel's normal hourly rates of compensation for work of this character, discounted by 10%. Quinn Emanuel's hourly rates increased as of September 1, 2024, as follows:

Partners & Of Counsel	\$1,413 – \$2,169
Associates	\$819 - \$ 1,453.50
Law Clerks	\$558 - \$580.50
Paraprofessionals	\$459 - \$688.50

- 12. The reasonable value of the services rendered by Quinn Emanuel for the Fee Period as Special Counsel for the Debtors in the Chapter 11 Cases is \$262,147.95.
- 13. Quinn Emanuel believes that the time entries included in **Exhibit A** attached hereto and the expense breakdown set forth in **Exhibit B** attached hereto are in compliance with the requirements of Local Rule 2016-2.
  - 14. In accordance with the factors enumerated in section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code,

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the amount requested is fair and reasonable given the complexities of these Chapter 11 Cases, the

time expended, the nature and extent of the services rendered, the value of such services, and the

costs of comparable services other than in a case under this title.

**Certificate of Compliance and Waiver** 

15. The undersigned representative of Quinn Emanuel certifies that he has reviewed

the requirements of Local Rule 2016-2 and that the Monthly Fee Statement substantially complies

with such rule. To the extent that the Monthly Fee Statement does not comply in all respects with

the requirements of Local Rule 2016-2, Quinn Emanuel believes that such deviations are not

material and respectfully requests that any such requirements be waived.

**Notice and No Prior Request** 

16. Notice of this Monthly Fee Statement has been given to the following parties or, in

lieu of, to their counsel, if known: (a) the U.S. Trustee; (b) the Official Committee of Unsecured

Creditors; (c) the Fee Examiner; and (d) all parties required to be given notice in the Interim

Compensation Order. Quinn Emanuel submits that no other or further notice is necessary.

17. No prior request for the relief sought in this Monthly Fee Statement has been made

to this or any other Court.

WHEREFORE, Quinn Emanuel respectfully requests that the Bankruptcy Court

(i) approve the Monthly Fee Statement and (ii) grant such further relief as is just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York

November 15, 2024

/s/ Sascha N. Rand

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Partner, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP

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